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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Erlandsson *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/661,803

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For: **HINGE APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE FLOOR SYSTEMS**

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Commissioner for Patents

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 10/331,842 filed December 30, 2002. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.